



Washington State Department of
Early Learning

Update on Home Visiting

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Home Visiting

- ❑ Critical support for families and parents - - who are the first and most important teachers of their children
- ❑ Professionals or paraprofessional provide information and support in the home to:
 - 🕒 Foster healthy child and family development
 - 🕒 Strengthen the parent-child relationship
 - 🕒 Promote early learning
 - 🕒 Support parents in reaching their goals
 - 🕒 And so much more




Research tells us

- ❑ The early years are critically important in brain development - - an opportunity to support a positive trajectory for children
- ❑ It is all about Babies, Brains, Relationships
 - 🕒 Children are born healthier
 - 🕒 Buffering effects for risk factors or stress in families
 - 🕒 Less likely to experience abuse or neglect
 - 🕒 Strengthens parent/child relationship
 - 🕒 Supports healthy learning and development

▣ Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA)

- ▣ Public and private funding to support and evaluate evidence-based, research-based and promising practices
- ▣ 2010-2011 funding for 4 programs, reaching 571 families
- ▣ Provide training, technical assistance and evaluation support

Regional/Local Initiatives

-  United Ways of King County
-  School Districts
-  Public Health Departments
-  Infant/Toddler Regions



▣ Federal Funding Opportunity:

Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting Program
(MIECHV)

- ▣ Health Care Reform Act provides \$1.5 billion over next 5 years for a state grant program
- ▣ Washington taking the required steps to assess the needs of families and propose a plan that is competitive
- ▣ Select at-risk communities, match needs to evidence-based or promising models, structures to support implementation, show results through data/benchmarks

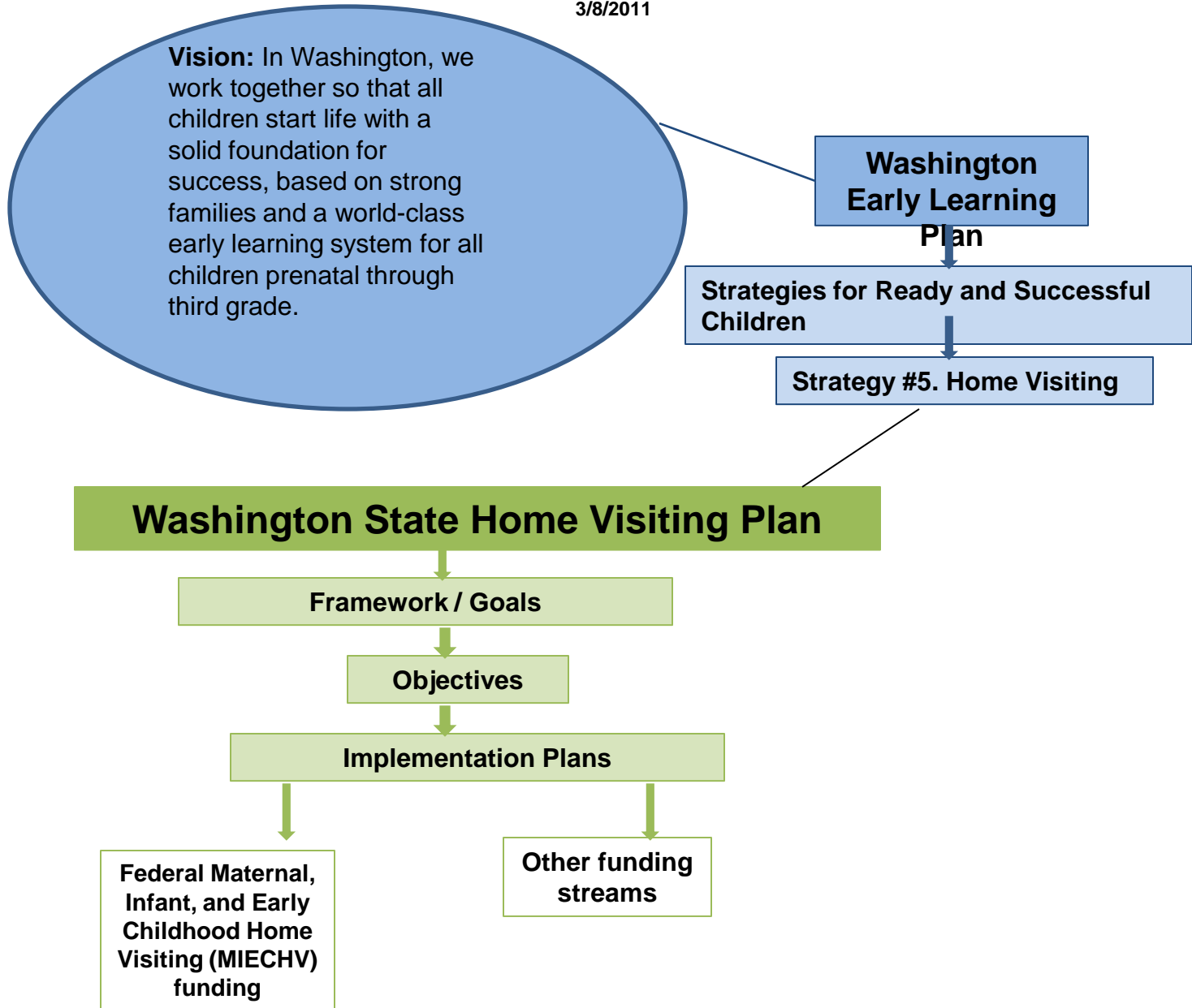
Why Statewide Planning Work?

- ❑ Early Learning Plan: Strategy #5
- ❑ Washington State moving toward coordinated system
- ❑ New funding opportunities



Home Visiting Planning Framework

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Washington State Home Visiting Plan Planning Structure

This document summarizes the membership and purpose of key groups and individuals involved in the development of the WA Home Visiting Plan. It is not an exhaustive list of all elements involved. The WA Home Visiting Plan is being created in response to the opportunity for federal funding for home visiting through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Health Care Reform Act H.R. 3590). In Washington, Governor Gregoire designated the Department of Health (DOH) to lead the development of the home visiting needs assessment and has directed the Department of Early Learning (DEL) to lead the home visiting planning process (that will result in the submission of a WA Home Visiting Plan).

Cross-Agency Governance Structure (CAGS)

- **Membership:** DEL Director Dr. Bette Hyde, DOH Secretary Mary Selecky, DSHS Secretary Susan Dreyfus, Council for Children and Families Interim Executive Director Chris Jamieson
- **Purpose:** At the request of the Governor, this group leads the development of an evidence-based home visiting system and has final decision-making authority concerning the needs assessment and WA Home Visiting Plan. CAGS decisions include: what key indicators and other factors will be used in the needs assessment, final identification of which communities are at the highest risk, high-level decisions on resource allocation, defining “evidence-based” and ensuring a coordination plan for home visiting in WA. As appropriate, the CAGS may delegate some decision-making authority to the Partnership Group.

Partnership Group

- **Membership:** *DEL:* Kelli Bohanon, Judy King. *DOH:* Riley Peters, Kathy Chapman. *DSHS:* Amy Astle-Raaen. *CCF:* Maria Gehl. *Thrive by Five WA:* Nina Auerbach, Sangree Froelicher, Nancy Gagliano.
- **Purpose:** Appointed by the CAGS, the Partnership Group recommends strategic direction regarding the Home Visiting Program (examples are: final decisions regarding the needs assessment, key components of the WA Home Visiting Plan, resource allocation, etc.); identifies an advisory committee; defines purpose and leads agenda setting for advisory committee; determines overall stakeholder engagement; prepares and presents decisions for CAGS; etc.

Advisory Committee

- **Membership:** To include members of existing WA Home Visiting Services Account Committee and WA Home Visiting Coalition and others as determined by the Partnership Group.
- **Purpose:** The Advisory Committee provides support and input to the development of the home visiting plan. Specifically, the committee will advise the Partnership Group regarding: decisions related to how the needs assessment will inform the planning process (including the identification of “at-risk” communities where home visiting programs will be implemented as a priority); core components of the WA Home Visiting Plan (examples are: funding, models, best practices, infrastructure development, etc.)